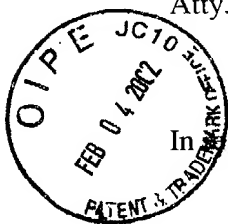


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. The amendments and remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2001.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please consider the accompanying drawing changes.

REMARKS

In the pending Office Action, the drawings were requested to be corrected. In this amendment, Applicants have submitted proposed drawings corrections in which some of the cross-hatchings have been amended conforming to the Examiner's request and no new matter has been added. Applicants submit that the proposed drawings have been approved by the Examiner, for the purposes of the response to the Office Action, during the phone conversation with the Examiner on December 28, 2001. Therefore, the

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